

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method in a client-server computer network for reorganizing storage and accessing the reorganized storage, the method comprising: the steps of:
relocating a legacy share from a legacy server to a new server;
copying contents and permissions of the legacy share to the new server;
aliasing the legacy server name to resolve to the network address of a consolidation
server;
creating a legacy server root associated with the name of the legacy server on the
consolidation server;
creating a link on the legacy server root corresponding to the legacy share on the new
server;
resolving the legacy server name that is aliased to the consolidation server;
receiving at a server the consolidation server an access request from a client for a
relocated the legacy share path name;
the consolidation server rewriting the legacy share path name by prepending the legacy
share path with the consolidation server's own name;
the consolidation server traversing the rewritten legacy share path name and resolving
links within the rewritten legacy share path name; and
the consolidation server responding to the client request with the share path name of the
storage location of the relocated legacy share.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 further comprising resolving an
the aliased legacy server name to establish a connection to the network address of a server.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 further comprising sending an access request to ~~a server~~the new server for ~~a relocated~~the legacy share path name.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 25~~claim 23 wherein the consolidation server and the new server are the same server, ~~sending an access request to a server comprises~~
~~sending a Dfs create request.~~

27. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein rewriting the legacy share path comprises invoking a path rewriter to rewrite the legacy share path.

28. (Original) The method of claim 23 further comprising encountering a link while traversing the rewritten legacy share path.

29. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein resolving any links in the rewritten legacy share path comprises invoking a path redirector to resolve any links in the rewritten legacy share path.

30. (Original) The method of claim 23 further comprising accessing the share path of the storage location of the relocated legacy share.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein accessing the share path of the storage location of the relocated legacy share comprises sending a Dfs create request to the network address of the storage location of the relocated legacy share.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein accessing the share path of the storage location of the relocated legacy share comprises accessing a path of a separate Dfs namespace.

33. (Original) The method of claim 23 further comprising encountering a Dfs reparse point while traversing the rewritten legacy share path.

34. (Original) The method of claim 33 further comprising returning a message to the client indicating the path contains a link.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34 further comprising receiving a referral request message from the client for the referral path.

36. (Previously Presented) A computer readable storage medium having encoded thereon computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 23.

37 – 40. (Cancelled)